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VIENNA FOR DEA

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS TRAINING FACILITIES

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1. FOLLOWING ANSWERS ARE KEYED TO QUESTIONS POSED PARA 5

REFTEL:

- (A) YES, GOH HAS NARCOTICS TRAINING PROGRAM.
- (B) THIS PROGRAM IS PART OF OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT, INCLUDING CUSTOMS LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS. WE DO NOT KNOW HOW MEANINGFUL OR INTENSIVE IT MAY BE. ONE INDICATION, HOWEVER, OF GOH SERIOUSNESS IS THAT THEIR CUSTOMS PROGRAM INCLUDES TRAINING OF POLICE DOGS AND THEIR MASTERS IN NARCOTICS DETECTION AT BORDER CROSSINGS.
- (C) NO DATA AVAILABLE.
- (D) NO DATA AVAILABLE.
- (E) NO LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO HUNGARIANS BY USG IN RECENT YEARS.
- (F) NO APPLICABLE.
- (G) GOH WOULD NOT ACCEPT, AT THIS TIME, A USG PROGRAM TO DEVELOP ITS NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT TRAINING. IN THE FIRST PLACE, IS ITS OBVIOUS POLITICAL RELUCTANCE TO SEEK SUCH TRAINING FROM A WESTERN POWER. SECONDLY, IT DOES NOT HAVE A SERIOUS DOMESTIC NARCOTICS PROGRAM AND HUNGARY DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE TRANSIT COUNTRY FOR INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS TRAFFIC.

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- (H) EMBASSY AND DEA REP VIENNA HAVE MAINTAINED GOOD

BUT LOW KEY RELATIONS WITH GOH CUSTOMS OFFICIALS DEALING
WITH NARCOTICS MATTERS. WE SHOULD MAINTAIN THOSE
RELATIONS AND PERIODICALLY SOUND OUT GOH OFFICIALS
DISCREETLY IN INFORMALLY ON THEIR TRAINING PROBLEMS.
THIS WAS LAST DONE AT TIME OF U.S. CUSTOMS DIRECTOR'S
VISIT IN SEPTEMBER 1976. GOH POLITELY AFFIRMED AT TIME IT
ALREADY GETTING ALL REQUIRED ASSISTANCE FROM WARSAW PACT
PARTNERS. AS AND IF DETENTE FAVORABLY EVOLVES AND IF
HUNGARY SHOULD EVER BE FACED WITH A MORE SERIOUS NARCOTICS
PROBLEM, DOMESTIC OR TRANSIT, WE MAY FIND SOME RESPONSE
TO ONE OF OUR DISCREET SOUNDING.

(I) THERE NO RPOBABILITY OF HOST COUNTRY CONDUCTING
REGIONAL NARCOTICS LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING IN ASSOCIATION
WITH USG IN NEAR FUTURE.

2. EMBASSY KEENLY BELIEVES IN WORTH OF NARCOTICS
CONTROL TRAINING AND OF NEW OBJECTIVES SET BY CCING.
UNFORTUNATELY, IT IS NOT YET TIME FOR DISCUSSION OF
THESE PROPOSALS WITH GOH.

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